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AN ANALYTE

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please enter the Preliminary Amendment as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

A substitute set of claims is attached hereto. Please substitute the substitute set of claims (pages 89-96) for the claims presently of record (Amended Sheets pages 89-99).

The following is a marked up copy of the claim amendments to facilitate the Examiner's review.

Please amend claims ~~3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28,~~  
~~29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, and 36,~~ before calculating the filing fee as follows:

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 [or claim 2] wherein the charge label has the following properties:

- (i) it carries a net charge at the pH of the electrolyte of part d); and  
(ii) the magnitude of this charge changes in response to a change in the ionic strength of the electrolyte at constant pH;

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 [or claim 2] wherein the charge label has a net charge at the pH of the electrolyte of greater than one electrostatic unit.